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To whom it may concern:

I am very concerned about the ongoing settlement discussion with Microsoft. After following the involved issues since a couple of years from different perspectives (user, interested individual, software professional) I developed a strong opinion on the required action. Microsoft's monopoly has gone too far. Freedom and protection of users in America and around the world need to be taken more seriously. Any proposed settlement must put an emphasize on new alternatives to the current situation. It can be

- + a push for other operating systems (Mac, open source, etc.)
- + a clear cut between Windows OS and Windows applications (e.g. browser, office suite, media player)
- + or steps that ensure open standards when connecting computer and/or exchanging information (e.g. files).

It also should be emphasized that the user is in control of the software on his computer. That he/she can decide, which programs to install or not and that he/she can buy computers from companies that were allowed to freely make those decisions for them.

Simply paying some money or donating some of the software under discussion does not solve the problem.

I hope the involved government organizations will put an emphasize on the interest of millions of computer users and organizations.

Best regards,

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